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Persons below Pover Line

5161. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons living below poverty line in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of families brought above the poverty line by providing assistance to them;

(c) whether the funds earmarked for this purpose have been misutilised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The Planning Commission estimates number of people below the poverty line at National and State level on the basis of quinquennial survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey held in 1987-88 (NSS 43rd Round). According to this, 18.37 million persons in Maharashtra lived below the poverty line in 1987-88.

(b) There is a three-pronged attack on poverty, i.e.

(i) acceleration of economic-growth, (ii) human and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society etc., and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and asset-building for the poor. The main among these programmes are the Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Nehru Rozgar Yojana, Employment Assurance Scheme and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the Educated Unemployment Youth. The entire effort at development and all the programmes have a combined affect on poverty alleviation. As a result, the incidence of poverty in Maharashtra has come down from 27.58 per cent in 1983-84 to 25.05 per cent in 1987-88.

(c) Some complaints regarding irregularities in the implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana have been received from some States/UTs including Maharasthra in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employments.

(d) The complaints are immediately forwarded to the concerned State Government for taking appropriate remedial action.

Accommodation to Journalists

5162. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names and the number of the Press Reporters who have been allotted quarters by the Government during the last five years;

(b) the period of waiting list for the Press Reporters; and

(c) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government to solve the accommodation problem of Press Reporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) During last five years allotment to following 14 Press Reporters has been made :—

S.No.	Name	Address	
1.	B.P. Shukla	B–14,	Andrews Ganj Extn.
2.	C. Mishra	B–11,	-do-
3.	D. Shukla	E–16,	-do-
4.	N. Chakraborty	N–8,	-do-
5.	P.K. Pushkarna	H–6,	-do-
6.	R.R. Prabhu	A–11,	-do-
7.	S.R. Kumar	C–11,	-do-
8.	V. Sanghi	C–12,	-do-
9.	Vijay Shankar	A–12,	-do-
10.	V. Rajgopal	C–14,	-do-
11.	Y.B. Mathur	B–15,	-do-
12.	R.C. Pandit	D–6,	Tilak Lane
13.	Vithal Bhai Patel	A-33,	Nanakpura
14.	S. Jagran	J–4,	Andrews Ganj Extn.

(b) No waiting list is maintained in respect of allotment to be made to Press Reporters. Allotments are made on the recommendation by the Screening Committee in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

(c) A total of 120 Units are available for allotment in the Press Pool. There is no proposal to increase the Press Pool in view of shortage of accommodation in the General Pool.

Representation from Retired Persons

5163. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :